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Endorsed: Answers to
Questions proposed by Count de
Vergennes
to
Colonel LAURENS March 29—1781

[*To be continued in the next number of this Magazine.*]

PAPERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL OF SAFETY
OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IN SOUTH
CAROLINA, JUNE—NOVEMBER, 1775.

[On January 11th, 1775, there met in Charleston the first Provincial Congress of South Carolina, and took under consideration the proceedings of the Continental Congress at Philadelphia at the close of the preceding year. This Congress was in session for several weeks. When it adjourned it selected a General Committee to look after the political affairs of the people of the Province until the Congress should again convene. The battle of Lexington, on the 19th of April, 1775, so excited the people of South Carolina that the General Committee re-convened the Provincial Congress on the first of June. In a few days after meeting, this Congress decided to place the Province in a position to resist British oppression, and so provided for three regiments of regular troops and selected a Council of Safety, consisting of thirteen members, to direct the affairs of the Province. This first Council of Safety consisted of Henry Laurens, President, Charles Pinckney, Sr., Rawlins Lowndes, Thomas Ferguson, Miles Brewton, Arthur Middleton, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Bee, John Huger, James Parsons, William Henry Drayton, Benjamin Elliott and William Williamson. Peter Timothy, the Secretary of the Provincial Congress, was selected to be secretary for the Council of Safety also. The first meeting of this Council was held on the 16th of June,

1775, and the journal of its proceedings from that day to the 26th of July, together with some correspondence and other papers, was published in the second volume of the "Collections" of this Society. The remainder of the journal of that first Council was lost. The papers presented below form a part of the records of the first Council, and supplement those already published in the second volume of the "Collections" of this Society; in Drayton's Memoirs, Moultrie's Memoirs, Gibbes's Documents, 1764-1776, and Salley's History of Orangeburg County, 1704-1782. They are printed here from exact copies of the originals; all eccentricities of spelling and abbreviation being retained. Most of them are endorsed on the back by Henry Laurens. All words of explanation by the editor are put in *Italics*, and all editorial comments and numbers at the heads of papers are put in brackets.]

[1.]

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT between the Council of Safety on behalf of the Colony of South Carolina of the one part and Andrew Williamson of Ninety Six Esq^r of the other part¹ *WHEREAS* the Provincial Congress have agreed to raise two Regiments of Foot for the immediate Service of this Colony and have placed them under the direction of the said Council of Safety who have fixed the Ratio of each Man in the said Regiments at Three Shillings Currency Per Day. *NOW THESE PRESENT'S WITNESS* that the said Andrew Williamson for and in Consideration of the said Allowance of Three Shillings for each Man p Day to be paid Monthly *DOETH* hereby Covenant Promise and agree to Provide and Furnish to each Man in the said two Regiments of Foot the following articles—Viz:

„One pound of good Beef p Day or One Pound of Fresh Pork or Twelve Ounces of Salt Pork—

¹ See Vol. 2 of "Collections," page 28, line 20 et seq.

- „One pound of Wheat Flour p Day or One pound of Ship Bread or One Pint and a half of rice—
- „Half a pint of Vinegar p Week when in Barracks or Stated Camps One Pint of Salt p week when they are served with fresh Provisions &
- „One Pound of Black Pepper p Year if it can be procured—

and the said Andrew Williamson doth also Covenant and agree that the said Provisions shall be good and Wholesome and regularly Supplied at such places within the said Colony as shall be directed by the said Council of Safety or by the Commanding Officer of the Troops and the Council of Safety do hereby agree to pay the full amount of all the provisions delivered in Manner aforesaid at the end of every Month as the same shall grow due Month by Month and also to allow the usual Carriage to Out Posts for such of the said Articles as the said Andrew Williamson shall be obliged to send from Charles Town and to pay for all Provisions which may be laid up in Store and for Cattle going to or delivered for the use of the Army by order of the said Council of Safety or of the Commanding Officer or Officers of the Troops, which may happen to be Burnt Taken or Destroyed by an Enemy and for the faithful Performance of these articles the said Parties do hereby bind themselves either to the other in the Penal Sum of Ten Thousand pounds Lawful Current money of the Province aforesaid *IN WITNESS* whereof the President of the said Council of Safety on their Behalf and the said Andrew Williamson have hereunto set their hands and Seals this Twenty Seventh day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Five—

Sealed & Delivered }
In the Presence. of } A. W^mSON [Seal]

HENRY LAURENS, [Seal]

WILL^m VALENTINE \parallel .

Endorsed : Contractors Agreement to supply the
Troops———

[2.]

Addressed : To
Col. HENRY LAURENS

Sir,

As your Servant told me he was to wait for a Note from me to Mr Wiles, I have transcribed the Notification and sent it to Him.

There was not a word that appeared necessary to be altered, nor one short or superfluous. I am

Your most obed Ser

PET^r TIMOTHY

7 July 1775

Endorsed : P. TIMOTHY
7th July 1775.

[3.]

Addressed : To
WILLIAM THOMSON Esquire
Lieut Col^o Commandant of the
Rangers——
Amelia——

Glasgow near Ninety Six 18th July 1775—

Sir

In consequence of your Letter to me of the 1st Inst inclosing Orders from the Council of Safety,² directing me to Station Cap^t Purvis & his Company at Fort Charlotte, I wrote to him immedtly on, the Subject and desired him to get his men ready for that Purpose, but not hearing from him untill the 10th Inst & then that he had inlisted only five men owing to a detention on the road of my Letter & Orders

² See Salley's History of Orangeburg County, 1704-1782, pp. 390-91.

to him—I thought it best to wait no Longer but to go to Ninety Six where Captain Caldwell and Kirkland's Companies³ were in Camp'd—the former having Twenty eight & the Latter Twenty three men, and to take with me both these Companies to Fort Charlotte; as I was informd Cap^t Whitefield⁴ had knowledge of what was entended, by Some imprudent expressions of Mr Calhoun to the Serjant of the Fort.—we arrived there on the 12th and plac'd a Centinel at the Gate at noon, but had it been in the night we Should have had Some difficulty in taking it as a number of men slept there who was then out at their work. Captain Whitefield did everything an Officer could do without Power & he Submitted he did it with a grace that will do him honour—his Centiments seem to bee much in favour of the Congress and Council of Safety—I have Stationed Cap^t Caldwell at Fort Charlotte and gave him orders to defend it—I then took out the two Brass Pieces and Some ammⁿition & Sundry other Articles as Per a List inclosed—I returnd to Ninety Six on Friday the 14th with Captain Kirkland and his Company who incamp'd about Six miles to the Southwest of it on Saturday and on Sunday. Lieutenant Middleton deserted the Company & they all to a man desertd also, this you will see by Captain Kirklands Letter to me and by a Letter from Mr Middleton & the Report from his serjiant to him, Copies of which I now send you—Yesterday about noon a Party of about 200 disaffected People from Over the River headed by Rob^t & Patrick Cunningham, and Major Robinson of Col^o Neill's Regiment⁵ came to Ninety Six all armd with Rifles &

³ These companies formed a part of one (the 3rd) of the regiments already mentioned as having been authorized by the Provincial Congress, in June, 1775. (See Ramsay's *Revolution in South Carolina*, vol. 1., pp. 36-7. Collections of this Society, vol. 2, p. 24. Salley's *History of Orangeburg County, 1704-1782*, pp. 279-80.)

⁴ The British officer at Ft. Charlotte, a nephew of Rev. George Whitefield.

⁵ Provincial militia, as it existed before revolutionary measures were taken.

Capt^t Cunningham order'd them to halt as soon as they had got Round the Court house, he then demanded the Powder from us Rebels for the King & my orders for Robbing his Fort on my Refusing he had me apprehended as also Capt^t Kirkland who was Present from the beginning—I was Committed to Goal & was under the Power of the Constables; when they vouchsaf'd to admit me to Bail—they then Issued a warrant to Search for the Stories and took Every thing that Came from Fort Charlotte except they two field Pieces, & about Nine Oclock at Night they despersed, they declared them selves intirely in favour of Government & said they would ever oppose they measures of the Congress. all they Raingers that were Present at this trial which Last'd near eight hours, were Captain Kirkland Lieutenant Warley & myself—the Lieut: they were going to shew they Way to Charles Town.—I fear this Matter will spread on this side of the River if something is not spedily done in support of the resolves of Congress. & it will bee attended with every bad Consequence—many People from Savannah river have already come & subscribed Col^o Fletchall & Captain Cunningham association & many others are daily expicted for the same Purpose, so that it will bee a Sanctuary for all such who opposes the measures of the Continentall & Provincial Congress.—the next thing that I have to mention to you is Provision—the Survice Cannot but bee attended with many inconveniences while the Rangers are not found therein—men seem very Backward in engaging for that very reason & should the People Refuse the money that they are to be paid with, as they say they will, they must starve, I hope you will use your influence with the Council of Safety that Provision may bee allow'd them—if the Pay of they man is not Punctually done at the end of one month from 26th Ulto it will dishearten them very much & many I expect will desert—I am afraid some Enemies to the Cause have fill'd the men belonging to Captain Caldwell's Company with these notions the Cloathing is much wanted & I hope you have fallen on

some Plan for that Purpose—I expect Captains Polk's Company daily as he wrote me the 7th Instant he would be in Camp in ten days—Cap^t Purve's Company I expect will be Completed in eight or ten days from this—Several of the men are sick when is the Doctor to visit us—I leave you to Judge of our Situation & hope both for your advice & assistance on this alarming Occasion—the Letter I have wrote to the Council of Safety I have Left unsealed for your Perusal & when you have read it Please to Seal it up & disbatch it by a fresh hand & horse to Town & keep the Ranger untill there is an answer from the Council of Safety⁶—M^r Cameron I understand will not except of his Commission on Account of his having an Estate in Scotland⁷—Lieutenant Middleton I think has Resign'd in a manner unbecoming an Officer & a Gentleman—both these Places are Vacant—Major Terry at Ninety six is appointed a Second Lieutenant in Captain Kirkland's Company. and I could wish if consistent with Millitary rule he could be appointed a first Lieutenant as Captain Kirkland informd me he intends to resign his Commission in his favour, but I told him that I could not see how that could be done & should be very sorry for his Resignation—if he is harty in the Cause he would make an excellent Officer⁸—I shall be Extremely happy if what I have done meets your approbation as I have endeavoured to Execute your Orders in every Peticular to the best of my Power and as near to Letter of them as Possible—we hope for more Companies being Ordered up I would be Glad in having the Pleasure to se you if Convenient—& Remain with Respect——

Sir

your Obed^t humble Servant

(Copy)

(Sign'd) JAMES MAYSON

⁶ See Salley's History of Orangeburg County, 1704-1782, p. 400, line 10 et seq., and p. 404, line 11 et seq.

⁷ See Vol. 2 of "Collections," p. 67.

⁸ I have found no record of Terry ever receiving any commission at all, either as lieutenant or captain.—Ed.

Endorsed: Mj^r MAYSON to
Coll^o THOMSON—Copy—
16 July 1775 Rec^d 25th ⁹

[4]

Fort Charlotte }
Ninety Six district } Copy

Be it remembered that on Wednesday the Twelvth day of July in this present year One thousand seven hundred and Seventy five—between the hours of Eleven & Twelve OClock P. M. appeared before this Fort—Major James Mason—having under his Command Capt^{ns} Kirkland & Caldwell with a party of Rangers consisting of Fifty Men—Major Mason sent a Messnage to Captⁿ Whitefield—that he then in the Name of The Council of Safety took possession of Fort—Charlotte. The Arms, Ammunition & Stores and immediately demanded the Keys—of the Magazine & Stores, to which Captⁿ Whitefield as an Officer without power—was under the absolute necessity of acquiesing—at the same time—both Lieut^t St^t Peirre & himself protesting and do hereby protest against the said proceedings—

GEO^r WHITEFIELD.

Signed this 12th day of July } M^o LOUIS D. St^t PEIRRE
1775— }

Endorsed: Protest of
Capt^t WHITEFIELD &
Leintⁿ St^t PERRE—
the 12 of July 1775
Pr
Council of safety

Endorsed also: Capt WHITEFIELD &
Lt St^t PIERRE[']; protest
Fort Charlotte
12 July 1775
Rec^d 25th ¹⁰

⁹ See Vol. 2 of "Collections," p 63, line 22 et seq.
¹⁰ See Vol. 2 of "Collections," p. 63 line 22, et seq. Also Salley's History of Orangeburg County, 1704 1782, pp. 280-81-82, and pp. 390-91, 397-98-99-400-401-2-3-4-7.

[5.]

A return of Artillery, Ammunition & Stores at Fort Charlotte the 13th July 1775. by Capt Caldwell

2 brass Cannon.	2 Sledge & hand Hammers.
4 Iron six Pounders.	1 Screw Plate.
6 " four Pounders.	1 Coopers Crow Stock & Iron.
4 " two Pounders.	30 Copper Hoops.
2 Swivels on Tryangles.	1 Spade.
15 Muskets.	68 Shovels.
6 Ditto without Locks.	38 Grubbing Hoes.
50 Cartouch Boxes.	34 Pick Axes.
11 Great Gun Worms.	10 Bill Hooks.
8 " Pickers.	2 Broad Axes.
4 " Chargers.	1 Lathing Hammer.
123 ^{lb} Match.	9 Old Chisels.
717 ^{lb} Gun Powder in six Casks.	1 Smoothing Plane.
338 D ^o damaged in 4 Casks & Cags.	1 Rabbit Plane.
83 Cartridges in a Cask.	2 Guttering Planes.
4619 Gun Flints.	2 Foot Adzes.
343 Iron Balls.	4 Augres.
2521 ^{lb} Musket Balls.	3 Old Files.
2 Iron Eyes for Swivels.	5 Old Hand Saws.
6 Iron bolts for Carriages.	4 Old Cross cut Saws.
3 large Iron Crows.	1 Whip Saw.
3 Tackle Blocks.	3 Tennant Saws.
good and bad	2 paring Gouges.
15 Quires Cartridge Paper.	20 Cartridge Pins.
3 Smiths Vices.	
1 Smiths Anvil.	

The above is a true Copy from the Original which is in my possession.

Ninety Six 18th July 1775.

JA^s MAYSON

Copy of a return of Artillery, Ammunition and Stores at Fort Charlotte the 20th May last, which Cap^t Whitefield said he then sent to the Governor in Charles Town, out of which He has since Lent 500^{lb} Gun Powder for which he promises to be answerable—This Powder I understand was lent to some Merchants in Augusta who are to return it as soon as Cap^t Maitland—arrives in Georgia.—

13 Copper Hoops.	2 brass Cannon.
.2 Froes.	4 Iron six Pounders.
.3 Spades.	6 “ four Pounders.
.71 Shovels.	4 “ two Pounders.
.59 Grubbing Hoes.	2 Swivels on Tryangles.
.37 Pick Axes.	16 Muskets.
9 Bili Hooks.	6 Muskets without Locks.
4 Iron Wedges.	66 Bayonets.
4 broad Hoes.	11 Scabbards very Old.
8 falling Axes Old.	20 Cartouch Boxes.
4 broad Axes.	23 D ^o without Straps.
1 large Hammer.	11 Great Gun Worms.
10 Carpenter's Firmers.	10 “ Pickers.
1 broad Chizel.	6 “ Scoops.
3 broken Ditto.	3 Rammers.
5 treading Ditto.	192 ^{lb} Match.
3 large Compasses	1500 ^{lb} Gun Powder.
1 Jointer.	500 D ^o damaged.
2 long Planes	3000 Gun Flints.
4 Jack Planes	272 Iron Balls.
3 Smoothing Ditto.	96 Swivel Balls.
2 Rabbit Planes.	330 ^{lb} Trading Balls.
5 broad Ditto.	2 Iron Eyes for Swivels.
4 foot Adzes.	.29 Iron Bolts for Carriages.
8 Augres.	3 large Iron Crows.
14 Augres without handles.	2 Tackle Blocks Iron
15 Gimblets.	bound.
4 Iron Squares.	1 Ditto not bound.
10 Hand Saws.	2 Colours old.

10 Cross cut Saws.	11 Quires Cartridge Paper.
2 Whip Saws.	9 Quires damaged D ^o
2 Saw Setts.	3 Smiths Vices.
3 Hand Saw Files Old.	2 " Anvils.
1 Cross cut File D ^o	5 " Sledge Hammers.
7 Whip Saw Files D ^o	2 " Screw Plates.
1 Crow Stock & Iron.	1 Coopers Adze.
	3056 Musket Balls.

The above is a true Copy from the Return delivered to me by Capt^t Whitefield—

Ninety Six 18th July 1775.
JA^s MAYSON.

N. B.—I find upon comparing Cap^t Caldwell's Return with Cap^t Whitefield's, a deficiency of 695^{lb} et W^t Powder & a few other Articles, which Cap^t Whitefield has promised upon his honour to make good—Captain Cunningham and Major Robinson with their party took away from this place the following articles which were not included in Cap^t Caldwell's Return above.—Viz^t

250 ^{lb} et W^t Gun Powder in three barrels.

500. Lead in Trading & Musket Balls.

69. Bayonets.

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|--------------|---|
| 1. X cut saw | } which I took out of the Fort in order to make Camps for to keep the Rangers from bad weather— |
| 2. Old Axes | |

Ninety Six 18th July 1775.—
JA^s MAYSON

Endorsed : Inventory of Stores at
Fort Charlotte & Copy of
a return made to the
Governor—
signed Mj^t MAYSON 18 July
1775. Rec^d 25th ¹¹

¹¹ See vol. 2 of "Collections," p. 63, line 22 et seq.

[6.]

Pay Bill of the first Regiment of Provincial troops, commanded by Colonel Christopher Gadsden—

Capt. CHARLES C PINCKNEYS, Pay bill					
1775—					
16 June to 1s July. both days inclusive	Hugh Milling: Serjeant....	16 days 10/	£ 8	“	—
	Saml Hunter ditto.....	do	— 8	“	—
	Solo Proby, Corporal.....	do 8/9	— 7	“	—
	Ferdinand Fisher. Private..	do 7/6	— 6	“	—
	Archibald Love.....	do — —	— 6	“	—
	Alexander Murray.....	do	— 6	“	—
	Thomas Mc Lain.....	do	— 6	“	—
19th to 1st July ...	John Fitzpatrick.....	13 days	— 4	17	6
21st to 1st do.....	Daniel Fowler.....	11 do	— 4	2	6
24th to 1st do.....	Henry Fry.....	8 do	— 3	“	“
24th to 1st do.....	James Barlow.....	8 do	— 3	“	“
28th to 1st do.....	James Gill.....	4 do	— 1	10	—
			£63	10	
Captn Wm CATTELL's Pay Bill					
16th to 1st July ...	Hugh Irvine Serjeant.....	16 days 10/	£ 8	“	—
	David Piggot ditto.....	16 do do	— 8	—	—
	Chas Hansbury, Corporal..	16 do 8/9	— 7	“	“
	Brian Mc Donald Privt ...	16 do 7/6	— 6	“	“
	Thomas Gillmore.....	16 do	— 6	“	“
	John Niess.....	16 do	— 6	“	“
	Michael Buckman.....	16 do	— 6	“	“
17th to 1st July ...	George Hensy.....	15 do	— 5	12	6
	John James Noble.....	15 do	— 5	12	6
19th to 1st July ...	Henry Evans.....	13 do	— 4	17	6
25th to do ...	Elisha House.....	7 do	— 2	12	6
			£65	15	
Captn ADAM Mc DONALD's pay bill					
16th June to 1st July	Thomas Malcom: Serjeant	16 d 10/	£ 8	“	—
	Amos Buck, Corporal. ...	16 d 8/9	— 7	“	—
	Esprit Solis.. Private.....	16 d 7/6	— 6	“	—
	John Nash....d.....	16—	— 6	“	“
	William Morgan.....	16—	— 6	“	“
	Andrew Smith.....	16—	— 6	“	“
[July	Jehu Gamble.....	16—	— 6	“	“
20th June to 1st	Patrick Kelly.....	11—	— 4	2	6
22 to do	James Sherwood.....	9—	— 3	7	6
25th to do	Theophilus Thorpe.....	6—	— 2	5	—
			£54	15	—

Captⁿ THOMAS LYNCH's Pay Bill

16 June to 1st July	Michael Hubbard Serjt ..	16 days 10/	£ 8	“	—
22d to d ^o	James Barron-ditto.....	10 do	— 5	“	—
17th to d ^o	Samuel Peters, Corporal..	15 d 8/9	6	11	3
16th to d ^o	Richard Trimble ditto....	16—	— 7	“	“
	Charles Moshill, Private..	16 7/6	— 6	“	—
	David Mc Crady.....	16—	— 6	“	“
	John Hamilton.....	16—	— 6	“	“
	James Mc Kinley.....	16—	6	“	“
	Thomas Harvey.....	16	6	“	“
19th to 1st July...	John Riley.....	13	4	17	6
21st to d ^o	James Lyons.....	11	4	2	6
			£65	11	3

Captⁿ WILLIAM SCOTT's Pay Bill

16th June to 1st July	Wm Robinson, Serjeant...	—16	£ 8	“	—
	Jas Mc Gowan, Ditto.....	—d ^o	— 8	“	—
	William Miller d ^o	—d ^o	— 8	“	—
	Wm Hughes, Corporal....	—d ^o	7	“	“
	Dennis Sexton, ditto	—d ^o	— 7	“	“
	John Hamilton, Private...	—d ^o	— 6	“	“
	Mathias Mc Carthy.....	—d ^o	— 6	“	“
	John Ryan.....	—d ^o	— 6	“	“
	Daniel Caulfield.....	—d ^o	— 6	“	“
	Joseph Roberts.....	—d ^o	— 6	“	“
17th to 1s July...	William West.....	15 days	5	12	6
21st to ditto.....	Nathan Miller.....	11 d ^o	— 4	2	6
22 to ditto.....	James Scott.....	10 d ^o	— 3	15	—
30th to ditto.....	James Geoghagen.. ..	2 d ^o	“	15	—
			£82	5	

Captⁿ JOHN BARNWELL's Pay Bill

16th June to 1st July	John Reed Serjeant	16 days	£ 8	“	“
	Robt Mc Cleave Corporal..	16 d ^o	— 7	“	—
	Robert Campbell, Private..	16 d ^o	— 6	“	—
	William Kirk	d ^o —	— 6	—	—
	George Colson.....	d ^o	— 6	—	—
	Henry Fuguey	d ^o	— 6	—	—
	William Evans.....	d ^o	— 6	—	—
24th to 1st July ...	Thomas Conely.....	8 d ^o	— 3	—	—
25th to d ^o ...	James Thomas.....	7 d ^o	— 2	12	6
27th to d ^o ...	Simon Long.....	5 d ^o	— 1	17	6
			£ 52	10	“

Capt THOMAS PINCKNEYS Pay Bill

16th June to 1st July	An: Redmond, Serjeant ...	16 days	£ 8	—	—
	John Hutchison, ditto	16 do	— 8	—	—
	Thos Chaddock, Corporal...	16 do 8/9	— 7	“	“
	John Sandwick, ditto.	—do	— 7	“	—
	Thomas Langley, Private...	16 do @7/6	— 6	“	—
	Joseph Pettitt.....	16 do	— 6	—	—
	Thomas Turner	do	— 6	—	—
	John Mc Gill.	—do	— 6	—	—
	William Cook.....	—do	— 6	—	—
20th to 1st July ...	Hugh German.....	12 days	4	10	—
24th to do ...	William Orr	8 do	— 3	—	—
26th to do ...	Samuel Marchant	6 do	— 2	5	—
			£69	15	—

Capt EDMOND HYRNE'S Pay Bill

[July]					
20th June to 1st July	Richd Doggett, Serjeant..	12 days @ 10/	£ 6	—	—
June 16th to do	Roger Cannon, Corporal..	16 do @ 8/9	— 7	“	—
	Matthew Lamb : Private..	16 do @ 7/6	— 6	“	—
	An: Omensetter	16 do —	— 6	“	—
	Jacob Rian.....	16 do	— 6	“	—
	John Washon.....	16 do	— 6	“	—
	William Hoit.....	16 do	— 6	“	—
	Hugh Jones	16 do	— 6	“	—
23d to 1st July...	John Dodds.....	9 do	— 3	7	6
30th to do	James Berriman.....	2 do	— “	15	—
			£53	“2	6

Capt ROGER SANDERS'S Pay Bill

[July]					
17th June to 1st July	Wm Buck, Serjeant.....	15 days 10/	£—7	10	—
16d to 1st do	John Goddard, Ditto.....	16 do —	— 8	—	—
	Philip Gruber Corporal....	16 do @ 8/9	— 7	“	—
	Anty Murque, Private.....	16 do 7/6	— 6	—	—
	William Roth, do	16 do	— 6	—	—
	Anthony Gillmore.....	16 do	— 6	—	—
19th to 1st July	Thomas Minar.....	13 do	— 4	17	6
	John Claera.....	13 do	— 4	17	6
	James Hare.....	13 do	— 4	17	6
25th to do	Joseph Jackson	7 do	— 2	12	6
			£57	15	“

Captⁿ BENJⁿ CATTELL'S Pay Bill

22d June to 1s July	Willm Landy, Serjeant....	10 days 10/	£ 5. 00.	0
29th to do	Robert Forshaw, Ditto....	3d ^o 10/	—1 10.	0
16th to do	Chris ^r Byrne's Corporal....	16 d ^o 8/9	—7 00	0
	John Morrow, Private....	16 d ^o 7/6	—6 00.	0
22d to do	Robert Roberts.....	10 d ^o	—3 15.	0
16th to do	Wm Congdon Smith.....	16 d ^o	—6 00.	0
	Garrat Byrnes.....	16 d ^o	—6 00.	0
17th to do	Frederick Aney.....	15 d ^o	—5 12.	6
21st to do	Joseph Barnes	11 d ^o	—4 2.	6
22d to do	John Stiley.....	10 d ^o	—3 15.	0
29th to do	Michael Huntsinger.....	3 d ^o	—1 2.	6
			£ 49 : 17.	6

Amdt Capt C C Pinckney.....	£ 63	10	—
Capt Wm Cattell .....	.65	15	
Capt A Mc Donald.....	.54	15.	
Capt Thos Lynch.....	.65	11	3
Capt Wm Scott.....	.82	5	0
Capt Jno Barnwell.....	.52	10	0
Capt Ths Pinckney .....	.69	15	
Capt Ed: Hyrne.....	.53	2	6
Capt R: Sanders.. ..	.57	15	
Capt Ben: Cattell.....	.49	17.	6
	£ 614	16	3
Serjeant Major Milling.....	12	“	—
	£ 626	16	3

Pay Bill of the first Regiment of Provincial troops commanded by Colonel Christopher Gadsden from 2nd to 17th days July instant, both days inclusive—

Capt ⁿ CHAS C. PINCKNEY'S Compy					
1775					
2d to 17th July...	Hugh Milling. (Serjeant)...	16 days 10/	£ 8	00	0
	Sam ^l Hunter — — ditto...	do	.8	00	0
	Sole Proby, Corporal.....	do 8/9	.7	00	0
	Jno Fitzpatrick ditto.....	do	.7	00	0
	Ferd ^d Fisher. Private....	do @ 7/6	.6	00	0
	Thomas Mc Cann. ditto....	do	.6	00	0
	Alex ^r Murray.... ditto....	do	.6	00	0
	Archibald Love.....	do	.6	00	0
	Daniel Fowler.....	do	.6	00	0
	Henry Fry.....	do	.6	00	0
[July	James Barlow.....	do	.6	00	0
26th June to 17th	Philip Maguire.....	22 days	8	5	0
22d June to do	Thomas Mains.....	26 do	.9	15	0
[July	Charles Mc Alister.....	ditto	.9	15	0
27th June to 17th	Jeremiah Mc Carty.....	21 days	.7	17	6
1st to 17th July...	John Davis.....	17 ditto	.6	7	6
	John Mc Gilton.....	ditto	.6	7	6
6th to 17th July...	David Jones.....	12 days	4	10	0
8th to 17th do	Josiah Simmons.....	10 do	.3	15	0
	Tinson Chesson.....	10 do	.3	15	0
1st to 17th July...	John Riley.....	17 days	.6	7	6
			£ 138	15	“
Capt ⁿ WM CATTELL'S Company					
2d to 17th July...	Hugh Irwin, Serjeant.....	16 days 10/	£ 8	00	0
	David Pigott,—ditto.....	ditto	.8	00	0
	Chas ^r Hanbury, Corporal...	16 ds 8/9	.7	00	0
	John Niess—Private.....	16 ds 7/6	.6	00	0
	John James Noble ditto....	ditto	.6	00	0
	George Hensy—ditto.....	ditto	.6	00	0
	Michael Buckman, ditto...	ditto	.6	00	0
	Brian Mc Donald.....	ditto	.6	00	0
	Thomas Gillmore.....	ditto	.6	00	0
	Henry Evans.....	ditto	.6	00	0
[July	Elisha House.....	ditto	.6	00	0
29th June to 17th	Arch ^d Knox.....	19 days	.7	2	6
30th to ditto.....	Burrl ^l Hill.....	18 ds	.6	15	0
Came to Barracks } 6th to 17th July }	William Elzey.....	12 do	.4	10	0
7th to 17th ditto.	Lawrence Murray.....	11 do	.4	2	6
29 June to 17th July	Josiah Little.....	19 do	.7	2	6
4th to 17th do	Thomas Smith.....	14 do	.5	5	0
26 June to 17th July	Samuel Bowman.....	22 do	.8	5	0
6th to 17th July..	Thomas Gibson.....	12 do	.4	10	0
4th to ditto.....	Henry Cordal.....	14 do	.5	5	0
7th to 17 ditto	Nicholas Irwin.....	11 do	.4	2	6
			£ 128	00	“

Captⁿ ADAM Mc DONALD'S Company

2d to 17th July....	Thomas Malcom, Serjeant	16 ds 10/	8	00	0
22d June to 17 July	William Rhodes ditto.....	26 ds	13	00	0
2d to 17th July ...	Amos Buck, Corporal	16 ds 8/9	7	00	0
	Esprit Solis, Private.....	16 ds 7/6	6	00	0
	Andrew Smith, ditto.....	do	6	00	0
	John Nash, ditto.....	do	6	00	0
	James Sheerwood, ditto...	do	6	00	0
	Theophilus Thorpe.....	do	6	00	0
	Patrick O'Kelly.....	do	6	00	0
[July	Michael Huntsinger.....	do	6	00	0
22d June to 17th	George Richardson.....	26 ds	9	15	0
[July	John Duvoux.....	26 ds	9	15	0
30th June to 17	John Harlow.....	18 ds	6	15	0
	James Farnell.....	18 ds	5	15	0
5th to 17th July...	John Hill Senr.....	13 ds	4	17	6
	John McNanamara.....	13 ds	4	17	6
4th to 17th July...	John Leinard.....	14 ds	5	5	0
7th to 17th do.....	James Cooper.....	11 ds	4	2	6
	Martin Glass.....	11 ds	4	2	6
9th to 17th do....	Thomas Russell.....	9 ds	3	7	6
4th to 17th do....	Thomas Conelly.....	14 ds	5	5	0
			£ 134	17	6

Captⁿ THOMAS LYNCH'S Compy

2d to 17th July ..	Michael Hubbard, Serjeant.	16 ds 10/	8	00	0
	James Barron, Ditto.....	ditto	8	00	0
	Saml Peters, Corporal....	16 ds 8/9	7	00	0
	Richard Trimble, ditto....	ditto	7	00	0
	Charles Monchell, Private.	16 ds 7/6	6	00	0
	David Mc Cready-ditto....	do	6	00	0
	John Hamilton.....	.....	6	00	0
	James Mc Kinley.....	.....	6	00	0
	John Riley.....	do	6	00	0
	James Lyons.....	.....	6	00	0
[July	Thomas Haresey.....	.....	6	00	0
29th June to 17th	William Skilling.....	19 ds	7	2	0
	Abijah Winds.....	do	7	2	0
24th to 17th July..	Hugh Mc Guire.....	24 ds	9	00	0
25th to 17th July..	Philip Stapleton.....	23 ds	8	12	6
3d to 17th do.....	William Williams.....	15 ds	5	12	6
7th to 17th do....	Charles Loughrea.....	11 ds	4	2	6
4th to 17th do....	Edward Barrett.....	14 ds	5	5	0
6th to 17th do....	William Smith.....	12 ds	4	10	0
8th to 17th do....	Christopher Brett.....	10 ds	3	15	0
	Wm Summersett.....	10 ds	3	15	0
			£ 130	17	6

 Captn WILLIAM SCOTT's Company

1775					
2d to 17th July...	William Robinson, Serjeant	16 days 10/	£ 8	00	0
	William Millen,—ditto....	ditto	— 8	00	0
	James Mc Gowen,—ditto..	ditto	— 8	00	0
	John Hamilton—Corporal	16 days 8/9	— 7	00	0
	William Hughes, ditto....	ditto	— 7	00	0
	Dennis Sexton—ditto.....	ditto	— 7	00	0
	William West, Pri ate....	16 days 7/6	— 6	00	0
	Mathias Mc Carty ditto....	— — —	— 6	00	0
	Nathan Miller	— — —	— 6	00	0
	James Scott.....	— — —	— 6	00	0
	John Ryan.....	— — —	— 6	00	0
[July	James Gill.....	— — —	— 6	00	0
25th June to 17th	William Strain.....	23 days	— 8	12	6
30 do to 17th July..	John Brown.....	18 do	— 6	15	0
3rd to 17th July..	Joseph Harvey	15 do	— 5	12	6
	Matthew Canady.....	15 do	— 5	12	6
	John Flinn.....	15 do	— 5	12	6
9th to 17th July..	Jeremiah Deadman	9 do	— 3	7	6
27 June to 17th July	Thomas Larimore.....	21 do	— 7	17	6
4th to 17th July..	John Burke.....	14 do	— 5	5	0
30th June to 17th do	Isham Craie.....	18 do	— 6	15	0
	George Page.....	18 do	— 6	15	0
4th to 17th do	Thomas Scurry.....	14 do	— 5	5	0
2nd to 17th July..	John Gordon.....	16 do	— 6	00	0
			£ 154	10	—

 Captn. JOHN BARNWELL's Company

2d to 17th July...	John Reed - - Serjeant....	16 days 10/	£ 8	00	0
	Robert Mc Cleave, Corporal	16 do 8/9	— 7	00	0
	Robert Campbell, Private..	16 do 7/6	— 6	00	0
	William Kirke, ditto.....	ditto	— 6	00	0
	Henry Fuguey	— — —	— 6	00	0
	Th. mas Conaly	— — —	— 6	00	0
	George Colson	— — —	— 6	00	0
	William Evans.....	— — —	— 6	00	0
	James Thomas.....	— — —	— 6	00	0
[July	Simon Long.....	— — —	— 6	00	0
30th June to 17th	William Gunter.....	18 days	— 6	15	0
29th do to ditto...	James Wisdom.....	19 ditto	— 7	2	6
4th to 17th July..	Thomas Gillmore	14 ditto	— 5	5	0
7th to 17th ditto..	Nathaniel Watson	11 do	— 4	2	6
8th to 17th ditto..	George Ferguson.....	10 do	— 3	15	0
13th to 17th do	Richard Reily.....	-5 do	— 1	17	6
	James Reed.....	-5 do	— 1	17	6
14th to 17th ditto..	Andrew Touchstone.....	-4 do	— 1	10	0
	Jacob Frost.....	-4 do	— 1	10	0
8th to 17th July..	Samuel Scott	-10 do	— 3	15	0
1st to 17th ditto..	Michael Moor.....	-17 do	— 6	7	6
			£ 106	17	6

Captain THOMAS PINCKNEY'S Company

2d to 17th July	Andrew Redmond, Serjeant	16 days 10/	£--8	00	0
	John Hutchison, - ditto...	ditto	--8	00	0
	Thomas Chaddock, Corporal	16 days 8/9	7	00	0
	John Sandwick, - ditto...	-ditto-	--7	00	0
	Joseph Pettitt, - -Private..	16 days 7/6	6	00	0
	Thomas Turner - -ditto...	.....	6	00	0
	John Mc Gill.....	.....	6	00	0
	Samuel Marchant.....	.....	6	00	0
	William Cook.....	.....	6	00	0
	Hugh German.....	.....	6	00	0
	William Orr.....	.....	--6	00	0
	James Berriman.....	.....	--6	00	0
3d to 17th July...	William Ross.....	15 days.	--5	12	6
27th June to 17th do	Francis Cullian.....	21 ditto-	--7	17	6
1st to 17th July...	John Hill, jun.....	17 ditto	6	7	6
29 June to 7th July	John Cook.....	19 ditto.	--7	2	6
4th to 17th July...	Cornelius Heynes.....	14 ditto	5	5	0
	Daniel Sullivan.....	ditto	--5	5	0
9th to 17th July...	John Smith.....	9 days	--3	7	6
7th to 17th July...	Francis Archer.....	11 ditto	--4	2	6
8th to 17th ditto..	Lazarus Wooley.....	10 ditto	3	15	0
			£ 126	15	0

Captain EDMOND HYRNE'S Company

1775 [July					
27th June to 17th	James Stafford, Corporal..	21 days 8/9	£ 9	3	9
2d to 13th July...	Roger Cannon, ditto.....	12 do	5	5	0
2d to 17th ditto..	Andrew Omensetter, Private	16 do 7/6	6	00	0
	Jacob Rian.....	-- --	--6	00	0
	William Hoyt.....	-- --	--6	00	0
	Matthew Lamb.....	-- --	--6	00	0
	John Washon.....	-- --	--6	00	0
	Jehu Gamble.....	-- --	--6	00	0
	Hugh Jones.....	-- --	--6	00	0
	John Dodds.....	-- --	--6	00	0
4th to 17th July...	Charles Wood.....	14 days	5	5	0
29th June to 17 do	William Pring.....	19 ditto	--7	2	6
3d to 17th July...	Bartholomew MacDonald..	15 ditto	5	12	6
4th to ditto.....	William Johnston.....	14 ditto	5	5	0
30 June to 17th July	John Williams.....	18 ditto	6	15	0
29th to 17th July...	John Corker.....	19 ditto	--7	2	6
14th to 17th July...	Roger Cannon.....	4 ditto	--1	10	0
29 June to 17th July	Thomas Manning.....	19 ditto	--7	2	6
30th do to ditto....	William Edwards.....	18 ditto	6	15	0
14th to 17th July...	James Parsons.....	4 do	--1	10	--
2d to 13th do....	Richard Doggett (Serjeant)	12 do 10/	6	00	0
			£ 122	8	9

Capt. ROGER SANDERS'S Compy

1775					
2d to 17th July...	William Buck, Serjeant...	16 days 10/	£ 8	00	0
	John Goddard, Ditto.....	ditto	8	00	0
	Philip Gruber, Corporal...	16 ds 8/9	—7	00	0
	Thomas Minar, ditto.....	ditto	—7	00	0
	Anthony Marque, Private	16 ds 7/6	—6	00	0
	William Roth.....	ditto	—6	00	0
	Anthony Gillmore.....	ditto	—6	00	0
	John Claera.....	ditto	—6	00	0
	James Heir.....	ditto	—6	00	0
	Joseph Jackson.....	ditto	—6	00	0
[July	James Geohagen.....	ditto	—6	00	0
22d June to 17th	Robert Brice.....	26 days	—9	15	0
2d to 17th do	Joseph Roberts.....	16 ditto	—6	00	0
8th to 17th do	Daniel Brient.....	10 ditto	—3	15	0
3rd to 17th do	John Danniles.....	15 ditto	—5	12	6
6th to 17th do	William Huggins.....	12 ditto	—4	10	0
4th to 17th do	James Boswood.....	14 do	—5	5	0
5th to 17th do	Peter Crosbee.....	14 do	—5	5	0
5th to 17th do	Moses Baker.....	13 do	4	17	6
10th to 17th do	Robert Bonds.....	8 do	—3	00	0
29 June to 17th July	John Budding.....	19 do	—7	2	6
1st to 17th July...	Thomas Burt.....	17 do	6	7	6
			£ 133	10	“

Capt. BENJ. CATTELL'S Company

2d to 17th July...	William Landy, Serjeant.	16 days 10/	£ 8	00	0
	Robert Forshaw, ditto....	ditto	—8	00	0
	Chrisr Byrne, Corporal...	16 ds 8/9	—7	00	0
	William Congdon Smith,				
	Private.....	16 ds 7/6	—6	00	0
	Gerald Byrne.....	ditto	—6	00	0
	Frederick Aney.....	ditto	—6	00	0
	John Morrow.....	ditto	—6	00	0
	Robert Roberts.....	ditto	—6	00	0
	John Stiley.....	ditto	—6	00	0
[July	Joseph Barnes.....	ditto	—6	00	0
25th June to 17th	William Johnston Campbell	23 days	—8	12	6
[July	William Nangle.....	23 days	—8	12	6
30th June to 17th	Needon Lamb.....	18 ditto	—6	15	0
27th to 17th do ...	Gabriel Scott.....	21 do	—7	17	6
28th to 17th do ...	Richard Stinson.....	20 do	—7	10	0
8th to 17th July..	James Carigon.....	10 do	—3	15	0
4th to 17th do	Peter Lewis.....	14 do	—5	5	0
7th to 17th do	Arthur Rogers.....	11 do	—4	2	6
4th to 17th do	Peter Larey.....	14 do	—5	5	0
3d to 17th do	James Mc Kutchon.....	15 do	—5	12	6
			£ 128	7	6

Capt C C Pinckneys Compy.....	£138,,	15:	0
Captn Wm Cattell's ditto.....	128,,	00.	0
Captn Adam Mc Donald, ditto.....	134:	17:	6
Capt Thos Lynch, junr.....	130:	17:	6
Capt William Scott.....	154:	10.	0
Capt John Barnwell.....	106:	17:	6
Capt Thos Pinckney.....	126:	15:	0
Capt Edmond Hyrne.....	122:	8:	9
Capt Roger Sanders.....	133:	10.	0
Capt Benj Cattell.....	128:	7:	6
Serjeant Major Milling.....	12:	00.	0
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to 1st July both days inclusive {			
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£1316: 18: 9			
£ 626,, 16,, 3			
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£1943,, 15,,			

Endorsed: Two Pay Bills for the
1st Regiment of foot
up to the 17 July 1775.
total £1943 15—

☞ Cash advanced
the 16 July £2000
Balance in Pay-Master's
hand 17 July £57—

[7.]

Addressed: To
HENRY LAURENS Esq^r
☞ Mr ADINGER.¹² Charles Town

Beaufort 18th July 1775.

Sir

about Nine O Clock this morning your favour of 16th &
17th Instant were delivered to me by Mr Adinger, and should
have Complied with the Council of safety's order in deleiver-
ing the Letter directed to Mr Tebout,¹³ but he set out yester-

¹² See vol. 2, "Collections," pp. 44, 47. ¹³ Ibid, p. 53, line 27.

day morning for Charles Town with Capt. Joyner and others to convey down about 5000^{lb} Gunn powder taken out of Maitlands ship, so that he will be with you earlier than if he were here now; I took the liberty of opening the Letter directed to him, thinking that probably there was some order to be executed, if the Vessel you mention came here & which perhaps I could have complied with, but I find that is not the case. I Return the Letter & hope it will not be taken amiss of me you may depend I shall keep this matter as it is Intrusted to me.—many Gentlemen were present at the delivery of the Lett^r & ask'd what was the Express, to which I Replied it was a private one. & that put an end to their Enquirys—we have sent off this morning 5000 ^{lb} Gunn powder which came here yesterday under care of Lieutⁿ Doharty, from Savannah, he is to deliver it, a Guard is sent with it from hence. I wish the first and this parcell safe to Ch^s Town, where I make no doubt it will meet with a hearty Reception—I am with Respect

Sir

Your Hble servant

D. .D^ESAUSSURE

Endorsed : D DeSAUSSURE

18 July 1775

Reported

& paid ADINGER—

Endorsed also : N^o 26-24 papers

[8.]

St Pauls Parish y^e 18th July 1775——

Personally appeared before Andrew Leitch Esquire one of his majesties Justice of the Peace for Charlestown District & The Committee for St Pauls Parish, Allen Miles, Robert Miles, & Melcher Garner being Present——

Agreable to a summons by us to Cause Charles Webb to

Clear himself of some Malicious Expressions said against His Honour the Lieutenant Governour & the Committee's of the Said Province—Mess^{rs} John Jackson, William & James Rugge & Jn^o Humphreys being Witnesses to what They Heard the said Charles Webb Say in Public Company——The affidavits of the Said Gentlemen are as follows——

That on monday y^e 8th May Last, Jn^o Jackson in Company with the aforesaid witesses, went from y^e quarter house to Charlestown to the house of Valuntine Lynn, their in the Evening of the same day Charles Webb ask'd the Deponant to Walk with him to Francis Bremars, accordling he went with the said Charles & found M^r Bremer at M^r Ramages Tavern, when on that very Day the news was brought that Hostilities had commene'd against Boston, & the Bostonians were Successfull & there was M^{rs} Ramage & M^r Bremer Present when Charles Webb Declared he woud go to England take a Commission & come Against the Americans——

M^r William Rugge on Oath saith That on the Precedeing 8th Day May, he heard the said Charles Declare he woud Stand to what he said at M^r Ramages Tavern, then the Deponant asked him what he said; he Answer'd, That he wou'd go home & get a Commission & come Out & fight against the Americans—Shortly after That, at M^r Edwards Tavern on the Bay, the Deponant with Jn^o Jackson heard the said Charles Call the Lieutenant Governor, a Damd Fool for not Hoisting the King's Standard——

M^r James Rugge on Oath saith That some time in April last that the said Charles Inform'd the Deponant, that his Father—in=Law Thomàs Harcombe was then Just return'd from Charlestown, Charlestown, during the time he was Their, one M^{rs} Pendergrass Dun'd his Father (meaning M^r Harcombe) for an Accot Due M^r. Long). Publicly in the Street, & had Threaten'd him that she woud apply to The Committee, Provided he woud not settle the Account with her, the said Charles Replyd, a Pretty Joke indeed, to

apply to such a Sett of Mechanical, Ignorant Rascals, & that they consisted of Butchers, Taylers & Coblers & Hop'd that his Father wou'd not obey aney Summons from Them, w^{ch} If it was his Own Case he wou'd not—sometime after, the Deponant came from Charlestown & the said Charles ask'd him whether the Delegates were Sail'd for the N^o. Ward, in Answer, he told him he Believ'd they were; he then reply'd, that he wish'd the men of War woud meet with 'em & take them Pris'oners & carry them to England, Their to be Treated as Rebels, for he thought them more so then Ever the Scotch were, & he was not Surpriz'd at the Scotch, being such Loyal Subjects, for a Burnt Child wou'd Dread the Fire & how Pretty the Foolish Rascals of Property wou'd Look when their Lands & Negroes comes to be for=feited to the King that he cou'd take the whole Province, if he had a Regement of the Kings Soldiers, for he well knew that the Americans wou'd not fight, The Deponant Further heard the Said Webb say that he Blam'd the Lieutenant Governor for his being so Inactive & that the People wou'd not been so Rebelious had it not been for his Foolish Proceedings, that he wonder'd he Did not Put up the King's Standard, that he mout be able to know who was Friends to the Government or who Not——

M^r. Ju^o. Humphreys on Oath, saith That In may last Their was some Gentlemen at M^r. Thomas Harcombe's Talking about the Affairs of the Country, & after those Gentlemen went away he heard M^r. Webb say he thought it was a Pit'y their was not a Gallows in charlestown to hang all the Americans in a String, & as for the Committee They were a Lousey Sett. Blackgards, such as Butchers, & Taylers——& Further Saithe Not——

Sworn y^e 18th July 1775 before me

AND^w LEITCH
JOHN JACKSON
W^m RUGGE
JAMES RUGGE

St. Pauls Parish ye 18 July 1775—

Whereas Charles Webb being brought before the Committee for saying many disrespectfull words against the Lieutenant Governor (of this Province) & the Committees in general,—it has appeared to us, by several Affidavits that the said Charles Stands Guilty of the Accusation—Wee Therefore Look on him as an Enemy to This Province & America in General And an Object of the Resentment of the Public—by Order of the Committee

MELCHER GARNER Chairman

Endorsed : Proceedings & Sentence
against Charles Webb
St Paul's Parish
July 1775

[9.]

Gentlemen

Charles Towne 20th of July 1775

Give me Leave to Assure you, Nothing Can Give Me Greater Concern than being an Idle Spectator att A time When Every Lover of Liberty, Should be In Some Manner Assisting to the Preservation of that Invaluable Blessing, With a heart full of Zeal, I most humbly Offer my Poore Service, Voluntary to Goe on any Expedition, Where your Honours think I Can be of Any service, and Should I be Thought Worthy of Any Trust, I Shall Deemd It The most Happy moment of my Life

I Am allways ready to Goe Where your Honors Please To Send me, and hope With the Blessing of God To Prove My self Deserving The Tittle of a Lover of this Country And Not Unworthy of your Commands

I have only To Say With Greatest Truth I am
Gentlemen Your Most Obedient

Most humble servant

JOHN COPITHORN¹⁴

To The Hon^{ble} Council of Satfty

Endorsed : JOHN COPITHORN
20 July 1775

¹⁴ See Vol. 2 "Collections," p. 53, line 28.

[10.]

Addressed: Mr Chareman & To
The Gentelmen
of
the Comity of Saifty

Gentelmen of the Commity of Saiftey

I have inclosed the bill of Expince in gowing On the Secret
Sarvece to North Edesstoe, the Expince would not have
so greait had I not Supplied the boat with Nessessarey that
I thought it Prudent to Send Back to Georgiea
from Gentelmin your humble
Sarvant

JOSEPH VERREE¹⁵

Charlestown July 27th 1775

Endorsed: JO^s VERREE

Endorsed also: £64 10/ to
M JOS VERREE
for Expences
going to North
Edisto for the
Gun powder

[11.]

Addressed: CLEMENT LEMPRIERE Esq^r Beaufort
Port Royal

Charles Town 27th July 1775—¹⁶
past midnight —

Dear Sir——

Notwithstanding the inclosed Letter, or I Should Say the
Letter in which this is inclosed, is Signed by order of the

¹⁵ See vol 2 "Collections," pp. 54 and 55.

¹⁶ The only preserved journal of the first Council of Safety ends with
the 26th July, 1775. The journals containing subsequent proceedings of
that body were lost—See Vol. 2, "Collections," pp. 63 and 64 and 74

Council of Safety—I do not like it—it was written late in the Evening when Gentlemen Seemed desirous of retiring to their Beds & disinclined to reconsider or even fully consider—I therefore, now they are all probably on their pillows, take the liberty of recommending, & desiring, you will, in the first Instance, if you meet the Brig^t, offer to purchase the Gun powder at Six or even Seven pounds Sterling ꝯ Ct & Muskets & Ball, if any, at prices in proportion & for the amount you may draw on me as President of the Council of Safety & depend upon it such draughts to the amount of Fifteen Hundred pounds Sterling if needful shall be paid, if the Council will not justify this act—I must for their & my own Sake so far this request of mine cannot work any contradiction to the Councils orders which must be obeyed if there is a necessity for it, in Case the Captain of the Brig^t. will not sell—if he will then certainly we shall be all much better pleased by a purchase than we shall be to obtain the articles by force & violence.—I wish you success in all your enterprizes & beg you to add my Compliments & good wishes to the Gentlemen your Companions & I remain with great regard &co—

Endorsed : Copy¹⁷ 27. July 1775—

CLE^m LEMPRIERE.

[12.]

Addressed : To

HENRY LAURENS Esq^r

Charles Town.

Sir

Beaufort 29th July 1775.

I Received your favour ꝯ the Express Adinger and in Compliance with your order, I deleiverd the Letter to Cap^t Lampriere (who arrived here yesterday) he is Busied in geting

The journal of the second Council of Safety begins on November 30th, 1775, and ends February 26th, 1776: The remainder of these papers are practically the only further record of the proceedings of the first Council of Safety.

¹⁷ Letter by Henry Laurens.

the Vessel Ready, which prevents his writing, but he has Requested me to acquaint you that he will Comply with the order you sent him—and hopes to get away tomorrow:—I shall dispatch the Letter for Savannah today, and Inclose it to Joseph Clay & Joseph Habersham Esq^{rs} in case one should be absent, the other may deliver it without Loss of time I beg leave to assure you that I shall be particularly pleased whenever the Council of Safety shall lay their Commands on me for the Countrys Service & shall endeavour to execute them the best in my power.

I am much obliged to you for the Information of the arrivals from Urope. I am with Esteem

Sir

Your most obt^d d

Hble Servant

D : DESAUSSURE

Indorsed : DAN DESAUSSURE

29 July 1775——

[13.]

Addressed : On the Colonys Service

To

Col^o HENRY LAURENS.

Chas^s Town

Camp near Granby 29th July 1775—

Honour'd Sir

I have this moment been inform'd by a Traveling Man, that Cap^t Polk Cross'd Saluda River with a Compleat Company of very Likely Men on Sunday Last, on his way to Ninety Six—¹⁸ I am with Regard

Honour'd Sir

Your Most Obed^t Serv^t

W^m THOMSON

Endorsed : W^m THOMSON 29 July

1775 Rec^d 1st Aug^t

¹⁸ See Mayson's letter, ante p. 47. Salley's History of Orangeburg County, 1704-1782, p. 406, line 19, et seq.

[14.]

Addressed: WILLIAM THOMSON Esquire
Lieut: Colonel Commandant of the Regiment
of Rangers—

By Express	}	at
Mr Cochran		Amelia

Camp near Ninety Six 30th July 1775.

Col^o WILLIAM THOMSON.

Sir

Inclosed you will receive Mr Kirkland's Letter to me of the 28th by which you will see his reasons for resigning his Commission & that they correspond with the hints given you in a former Letter; He has hurted the Cause very much by telling his Company that it was bad & that they had all better return home than remain & fare worse—I am informed that he was with them a few days ago, when they all seemed willing to come to Camp with him, but he possitively refused & discharged them—I have ordered Lieut. Martin to get them together & take the Command but have very little expectation of his success or of ever seeing them in Camp—Capt Kirkland came here last Thursday Morning & immediately had a long private Talk with Capt Polk, which I am a stranger to—but I am certain his coming was of very little service—The next morning I gave Capt Polk Orders to sett off with a Command of men to Fort Charlotte for to conduct the ammunition which you ordered me to send for in your Last Letter By Mr Forbes, when I was told, that he had discharged both the Grass & Quarter Guards from their duty—that he was their Officer & would not sacrifice their Healths for no Council of Safety's Parading notions, that it was contrary to the rules of the Congress to march them towards Town & a great deal of such like inflammatory Language—I must confess that this sudden conduct of Capt Polks surprised me very much as well

as his behaviour since—His men were very impudent to me after his telling them that he would not order them below without their consent & as for his own part he would not go without there was an absolute occasion—so that his jaunt to Fort Charlotte was not complied with—I am very certain it would be impossible for Cap^t Polk ever to carry any Command over his Company, from what I have seen since his arrival here which was last Sunday Evening—The Morning preceeding that day I received a Letter from him by an Express, informing me, that he would be glad to see me immediately, as he was likely to be ambuscaded by some of Cap^t Cunningham's party—accordingly I went & met him & his Company about eight miles over Saludy river & Conducted them hither—This party consisting of about sixty men had actually stopp'd them on the road, but Cap^t Cunningham Ordered them to Disperse as soon as he came up with them—When I found Cap^t Polk was determined to march his Company back again, I entreated him to reflect seriously on what he was going to do, as his honor was at stake—He said he had already done it and that he would not take the Tour which was Ordered by the Council of Safety at this season of the year, that he allways understood the Rangers were raised to protect the Frontiers & not their Plantations, that he & all his Company were ready & willing to go, if there was a necessity for so doing; but at present in his opinion there was none, that they were now inlisted near a month, that neither he or his men expected any pay from the Province, & that he would not charge them a single farthing for the Expence he had been at in providing for them during that time—directly after this conversation Cap^t Polk Ordered his Company to get ready for marching & left the Camp about 10 o'clock yesterday afternoon—I found myself all this time in a very disagreeable situation, having only 20 of Cap^t Purves's men, who tho' obedient were not sufficient to execute my Orders, if I had given any, I thought it most prudent to let them depart in Peace, as they were all ripe to commit the most daring Enterprise—You will find under this cover from Cap^t Polk a Letter for you together

with another to me, which I received just before he quitted the Camp—I do not think it safe just now to send for any Ammunition from Fort Charlotte as there are so few Rangers here to protect it in case of need & the People still seem to be in as great a ferment as ever, if not greater several Gentlemen of Fortune I learn have come from Savannah & Georgia & signed Fletchall & Cunningham's Association & I am of opinion many others will join them—I shall be glad to know by the return of the Bearer whether you expect I will conduct Cap^t Purves's Company down to Amelia as you ordered in your last¹⁹

I remain with respect

Sir

your obed^t hum^l Serv^t

Ja^s. MAYSON.

Endorsed: Maj^r MAYSON to Coll^o

THOMSON 30. July 1775

Read in Council

11th August

[15.]

Addressed: To

The Honour^{le} HENRY LAWRENCE

S^r /

That Happy period in y^e Earley Time of Life when youth in us Knew Nothing of y^e Cabinett or y^e field and which gave birth to An Acquaintance, made me Apply to you Last Even. & in y^e manner that I Did Hoping that y^e Kind Benevolent Monitor which Allways Appeard in you for me in former Cases of wick shall Ever be Retaind with y^e moast greatfull Remembrance would have Assisted my weak Indeavour in y^e Address befour you y^e Common Cause Demanded this as

¹⁹ See Salley's History of Orangeburg County, 1704-1782, p. 290, line 2 et seq., p. 295, line 20 et seq., pp. 294-95, p. 307, p. 414, p. 417.

I Realey thought and wether it was A principall Inspired by God or that of Nature from my fore fathers Loins who have Marked there way in blood in former days for this province —*I know not*! but One of y^e two is y^e Acting principali Moveing me by this first Address to y^e Counsell where I see you so far advance^d, and Honoured in Such a Eminent Distinection whose Capassity I Admired while I Lament y^e Loss—but I wisper you Something that y^e Hardships of Life has Qualified there Nerves for Labour in y^e field this Glorious field that I would wish all my Heart and Soul Contend in till Every Spring of Life Lost its powers there I never had An Oppertunity because it was not in my power And from y^e Expressions I heard fall from A gentⁿ I See my first Attempt all Vanisht in Air where my prayers Accompanyes them to Heaven for y^e publick safety in more Abler Hands while I Seek Other Methods if I am Obliged to seek At Boston its self in this Glorious Cause Adue I am done God Bless you in Every Indevore forgive my Ignorance pitty y^e Capassity In y^e Sentiments of your Ever Affection^{te}

Herty Well Wisher

J. COACHMAN

Endorsed: JAMES COACHMAN

30 July 1775. Answered
immediately as within—

[16.]

Ansonburgh 30 July 1775—

Dear Sir—

I had flattered my self as well as my friends with the hopes of a Company of Men upon your plan which would have been truly serviceable in the common cause if occasion should have required their appearance in the Field, therefore believe me, your secession²⁰ is no little mortification to me & that in my opinion the Council of Safety in general will be sorry for

²⁰ A very early use of that term.

it—the expression from Capt. Elliott which seems to have affected you was not intended to offend, & I beg you will not, from that or from any other attempt in the Council to explain our meaning in order if possible to accommodate our Duty with your patriotic proposition, take hasty exceptions—consider, we have a part to act as well as other Men—the most difficult part too—we have to please all Men—every Man thinks he has a right to arraign those whose task it is to *direct*—but I will say no more on this Head—Mr Withers is anxious to go, therefore I shall only add that I hope you will not wholly abandon your laudable impulse, think farther of the subject & be assured the Council of Safety will be glad to concur with you in every thing consistent with the line of their Duty & the public good & none more cordially than
Dear Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

JAMES COACHMAN Esq^r —

Endorsed: Answer to JA COACHMAN
30 July 1775.

[17.]

Addressed: To

HENRY LAURENS Esq^r
Charles Town.

Beaufort 2^d August 1775.

Sir

In consequence of your directions, I sent Express to Savannah & the Letter for the Council of Safety was delivered, and the Inclosed sent me to be forwarded, I Received it yesterday morning, and as I dout whether its Contents are of such a Consequence as to need an Express, I declined sending one in hopes an opportunity woud offer soon, which does this day: I have to Inform you Capt. Lampriere set sail from here on Monday forenoon, and in all probability

got over the Barr that afternoon, Capt. Joyner with a few Volunteers from here, went with him—Inclosed is an accot due me which you will please to order payment to my partner Mr Josiah Smith, there is another accot due me for Sundrys Supplied Cap^t Joyner & Capt. Barnwell on the first Expedition, but the accot is given in to Cap^t Joyner who will Render it amongst the others—I am with Esteem

Sir

Your most obed^t

and most Hble servant

D.: DESAUSSURE

Sir

Your favour of the 2^d Inst came duly to hand & was presented immediately to the Council of Safety who return you their thanks—the Account which came Inclosed in it was also immediately endorsed by an Order on the Treasurers for Payment I signed it by order & desired the Secretary to deliver it to Mr Josiah Smith.—

I am Sir

Charles Town, 10th August 1775— your most obed^t Servt

H L. Presid^t of C S—

P S

Inclosed you will receive a Letter
from Mr Delagayé—

Endorsed: DAN DESAUSSURE 2^d Aug^t
1775. Rec^d & Read in Council
the 5th Ans^d 10th
as within

[18.]

In the Council of Safety. 6th August 1775

Sir—

We have fully considered the Contents of your Letter of the 4th Inst but we cannot, from any thing you have alledged or referred to perceive the Smallest ground for a misunder-

standing between the Council of Safety & the Army—nor do we find any point so obstruse as to render a foreign enquiry necessary on our part

We do not think it needful at present to define your duty nor to mark the extent of your authority, but, without quoting precedents in justification of our proceedings, we trust it will be sufficient to say, that in vertue of certain Resolutions of the Provincial Congress—"that the Council of Safety shall have the supreme direction regulation maintenance & ordering of the Army & of all Military establishment & arrangements." & that the said Council shall have "power & authority to do all such matters & things relative to the strengthening securing & defending the Colony as shall by them be judged & deemed expedient & necessary" We Issued our Order of the 1st Curr^t which you are pleased to call a paper, "for leave of absence to Lieutenant John Blake from duty in the 2^d Regiment of Foot till further orders"—an act which we deemed to be both expedient & necessary for the public service. We assure you this was not done either in matter or manner with any design to give you offence nor to intrench upon those Rights which in the absence of the Colonel of the first Regiment, reside in you & which we shall always be ready to support. We have therefore no doubt but that upon reconsidering this matter you will pay that regard to our Order which is due & which ought not to have been delayed.

By order of the Council of Safety.

Endorsed: Copy. 6th Aug^t 1775 ²¹

[To be continued in the next number of this Magazine.]

²¹ This letter was written by Henry Laurens, and must have been written to Col. William Moultrie, of the 2nd South Carolina Regiment. It does look a little strange to see the three Regiments of South Carolina Regulars spoken of as "the Army."